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ICE AGENTS SEIZE 410K CASH IN A SAN JUAN HOTEL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents seized approximately \$410,000 in a local hotel in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. yesterday, ICE agents intervened with a Dominican national at the Best Western Hotel in Santurce, Puerto Rico after watching an individual bring a suspicious bag into a room of the hotel. While checking the immigration status of occupant, ICE agents noticed an inconsistency with the travel documents of the Dominican national and asked for his consent to search the room.

During the search, ICE agents found and confiscated approximately \$410,000 dollars. ICE agents took custody of the alleged contraband and will conduct an investigation to determine if the money seized yesterday is the product of drug trafficking and/or illegal money laundering operations on the island.

“This latest seizure shows once more how ICE is working with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in Puerto Rico to deter illegal activity and drugs from reaching the streets of Puerto Rico,” said the Acting ICE Special Agent-in-Charge, Lydia St. John-Mellado.

The ICE investigation into this seizure is on going and the agency does not rule out future arrests linked to this investigation.

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ICE, the primary investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security, was established to bring a unified focus to the enforcement of U.S. immigration and customs laws, with the principal goal of preventing violations by terrorists and other criminals who threaten the nation's security.